

Argentina expects war within 24 hours

LONDON (UPI). — Britain announced yesterday its fleet would impose a total air and sea blockade around the Falkland Islands starting at 11.00 GMT (9 a.m. Israel time) tomorrow. Argentina said full-scale war was "imminent" and warned it might strike first.

A new U.S. peace effort floundered as the British fleet was reported to be a few hours from striking distance of the islands.

Argentina said it might not wait for a British attack but launch a "first strike" to defend the islands it seized from Britain on April 2.

British strategic Vulcan bombers, stripped of their nuclear weapons and loaded with conventional bombs, were reported on Ascension Island, 4,800 kilometres from the Falklands, ready to help enforce the blockade.

In London, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher held an emergency meeting of her war cabinet, and the Defence Ministry announced the blockade.

It warned all ships and planes to stay out of the 200-mile blockade zone or "take the consequences." It said the airport at Port Stanley, capital of the Falklands might also be attacked.

In Buenos Aires, the military junta said early yesterday it "expected" war to break out within the next 24 hours. It said the Argentine people were "unbroken in their fighting spirit and faith in final victory."

A military spokesman added that the option of a "first strike" against the approaching 40-ship British fleet had not been ruled out.

Argentina put its Falkland Islands garrison on maximum alert yesterday, and naval sources said Argentine ships were already deployed in the war zone declared by Britain.

Secretary of State Alexander Haig reportedly sent a last-ditch set of peace proposals to Buenos Aires, but they were not well received, Argentine press reports said. However, government spokesmen said the proposals were still being studied and "all diplomatic channels are open."

In Washington, the State Department acknowledged the crisis had reached "a critical point" and said Haig was ready to fly to Buenos Aires again if the Argentines gave him the nod.

Talking with reporters at the close of a meeting of the Organization of American States, Argentine Foreign Minister Nicanor Costa Mendez stressed that Haig's mediation role continues to be "useful."

He rejected as "incorrect," press reports that the Argentine government had rejected a proposal that Haig make another trip to Buenos Aires.

He spoke as OAS foreign ministers ended an emergency meeting with an urgent call to end hostilities while recognizing Argentina's sovereignty over the Falklands.

"We do not seek violence," said Costa Mendez. "We will accept any invitation leading to peace. We will defend our rights by peaceful means, but with firmness. We will do everything possible to refrain from taking actions which might exacerbate the situation," he said. (Continued on Page 7)



Independence Eve crowds pack Jerusalem's Zion Square. (Rahamim Israeli)

Nation picnics in peace on Independence Day

Jerusalem Post Staff
In a call to Israelis to "make merry as a free people," Knesset Speaker Menachem Begin opened Independence Day celebrations on Tuesday evening at the traditional Mt. Herzl ceremony.

Savior, making his first appearance at the event since being elected speaker last summer, called on citizens to return to the moral values of the first pioneers of Eretz Yisrael, who are recalled in this year's Independence Day theme, "100 Years of Settlement."

"Let us uproot physical and verbal violence, protect the beauty of our landscape, honour our teachers and writers, and renew the image of our country as attract olim," he told a live-TV audience and over 2,000 bereaved parents, new immigrants, members of the foreign diplomatic corps and youngsters.

The ceremony, which barely changes from year to year except

for the personalities involved, had an added visual dimension this year: the marching of 34 soldiers carrying a variety of Israel Defence Forces unit flags.

The national colours were transferred by the Central Command to the Nahal, in honour of the settlement theme and the 11 new

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Nahal (soldiering and farming youth) outposts that were established yesterday.

The beacons were kindled by 12 youngsters aged seven to 20: Nimrod Ben-Aharon, of the Tzurim lookout point in Galilee; Yarden Almekayes, of Mitzpe Ramon; Mati Ariel, who with his parents evacuated Moshav Talmei Yosef in (Continued on Page 7)

11 Nahal settlements established Peace Now and Betar clash as Sharon speaks

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAHAL TELEM. — With soldiers firing tear gas at Peace Now demonstrators and Betar youths chanting that both banks of the Jordan are theirs, the Nahal yesterday established Telem, a military settlement on a hilltop west of Hebron.

Telem is one of 11 *heahayot* (military settlements) established yesterday — most in the West Bank, particularly around Hebron, and only two within the pre-1967 borders.

About 600 Peace Now demonstrators were prevented by an army roadblock from attending the ceremony at Telem, which was addressed by Defence Minister Ariel Sharon. The ceremony had

been designated as one of the four open to all members of the public.

But about 150 Peace Now activists managed to get to Telem, where they sat quietly with the crowd until Sharon began speaking. They then rose, waved national flags, unfurled plastic banners saying "don't use the Nahal as a tool of annexation" and chanted "no we, we shall not (let it happen)".

Within seconds, members of Herut's youth movement — Betar — attacked the demonstrators from behind, tearing the banners. A major and a captain tried to separate the groups but fist fights continued until the end of the ceremony. Soldiers fired tear gas at another group of Peace Now activists who tried to reach Telem on foot, after (Continued on Page 7)

Begin warns terrorists: we might invade

Jerusalem Post Staff

Prime Minister Menachem Begin warned last night that if the terrorists shell Israel, Israel will consider entering Lebanon "to destroy the terrorists' aggressive potential."

"If the terrorists keep the peace, so will Israel," Begin continued, during an interview on Israel Radio.

Begin said that the PLO terrorists in Lebanon were dealt a heavy blow during the Israel Air Force's attack on their bases last week. They have not replied to the attack because they have been told, "not by us", that the results would be disastrous for them, the prime minister said. He added that the U.S. had pressured the PLO not to reply.

Israel could wipe out the Syrian missile emplacements when it so decided, but the positions have not been bombed because Israel does not want war, he said.

For 10 months now, not a single Katyusha missile has fallen on Kiryat Shmona or Nahariya, he said.

The prime minister told his two interviewers, Shimon Shiffer and Razi Barkai, that it had been agreed with U.S. special envoy Philip Habib that Israeli reconnaissance flights over Lebanon would not be a violation of the cease-fire. Israel has been flying over Lebanon daily, he said.

Begin said Yamit was razed last week "for overwhelming security considerations." He told his interviewers he was pleased that Israel had been able to fulfill its obligations to leave Sinai, and that he had no regrets about evacuating Yamit, for this cause.

He had been sorely troubled by (Continued on Page 7)

Premier, Peres meeting tomorrow

Labour seen spurning new Begin offer

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Highly placed sources close to Prime Minister Menachem Begin denied yesterday that he had given the Labour Party grounds for believing that he would replace Defence Minister Ariel Sharon if a national unity government is formed.

Meanwhile, the Alignment was rife with speculation over the meeting tomorrow between Begin and Labour Party Chairman Shimon Peres, where they will discuss the proposal that the Knesset ratify a government decision that no more Jewish settlements be uprooted in any future peace talks with any of Israel's neighbours. Labour Party sources hinted last night that the premier's move to recruit Labour to

vote for the ratification would be turned down.

The meeting between the prime minister and head of the opposition has set off talk in the Alignment that the possibility of setting up a government of national unity will also be discussed. But according to Begin's aides, he will not broach the question "as long as Labour does not officially renounce its formal decision not to enter into such a government."

However, Labour sources yesterday insisted that new moves are afoot. They say recent public pronouncements by Begin have given them reason to think that he may entrust the defence portfolio to Labour should it decide to enter his government after all.

Labour insiders explain that there is considerable interest in entering (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

Begin seeks elections, calls for unity government

Prime Minister Menachem Begin favours holding new elections either at the end of this year or early next year, he told an interview on Israel Radio last night.

Begin renewed his call to Labour Alignment leaders to hold talks with him on forming a national unity government. "I'm prepared to give

the Alignment important cabinet posts," he said.

In an apparent effort to squelch rumours of the National Religious Party feeling out the Alignment about joining it in a coalition, Begin noted that the Likud had given the NRP top cabinet portfolios, while Labour-led governments had never done this.

Scores hurt in continuing unrest in the territories

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Scores of people were injured yesterday during widespread disturbances in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip as unrest continued following Israel's withdrawal from the Sinai.

Demonstrations at the Balata refugee camp outside Nablus and in the town itself in the morning resulted in at least 14 persons requiring medical attention. The army confirmed that seven persons were wounded by security forces' gunshots.

Demonstrations were reported in the Ramallah area, where troops were said by local sources to have surrounded a teacher's training college, in the Dahaiha refugee camp south of Bethlehem, the village of Beit Sahur, the Dahariya refugee

camp south of Hebron and in Jenin.

Students at the Hebron Polytechnic tried to demonstrate, and as a result, the army closed the institution for two days.

According to West Bank sources the military government had recently closed at least nine schools for an indefinite period following disturbances, and numerous public schools are sending pupils home because of the unrest.

In the Jabalya refugee camp in the Gaza Strip, 12 persons were hurt in a violent demonstration yesterday morning, according to one local source. Six of them were reportedly hospitalized, and one was said to be critical. Four soldiers were also wounded, none seriously, when a molotov cocktail was thrown in the camp.

Washington talks mooted

By BENNY MORRIS
Post Diplomatic Reporter

Israel will probably agree to Washington as the venue of the next round of the autonomy negotiations if the U.S. and Egypt agree in advance that the following round of talks will take place in Jerusalem, a senior government source said in Jerusalem last night.

The source was reacting to the impasse reached in the talks because of Egypt's refusal to hold the next round in Jerusalem. Egyptian officials recently in-

formed the U.S. of Egypt's unwillingness to hold the talks in Jerusalem. Observers explain the Egyptian attitude by noting that Egypt has all along insisted that East Jerusalem is part of the West Bank, and should be included in the autonomy scheme as the capital of a Palestinian state, should it be established.

But Prime Minister Menachem Begin said last night in an interview over Israel Radio that it was originally agreed by all sides (Continued on page 2, col. 1)

Egyptians say they'll rebuild Yamit and name it 'Sadat'

Post Middle East Affairs Reporter and agencies

Yamit is to be rebuilt and named "Sadat," Egyptian Information Minister Sawfat al-Sharif told reporters in Cairo yesterday.

He is quoted as saying that the decision was taken to honour the late president Anwar Sadat, who had "gone into history as a symbol of peace."

Egyptian newspapers criticized

last week's destruction of Yamit, saying that Israel had taken the action to avoid having a large Egyptian town near its border.

Egypt is reported to have turned down an earlier Israeli offer to buy the town, as it had Ophra and Neviot in Southern Sinai.

Meanwhile, the Egyptian cabinet, meeting in special session yesterday, decided to establish a supreme committee for the development of

Sinai under Prime Minister Fuad Moeieddin.

The committee, which will include several cabinet ministers as well as the governors of northern and southern Sinai, will be charged with coordinating plans for the development of the 60,000-square-kilometre peninsula and the exploitation of its resources, a cabinet spokesman said.

Priority will be given to infra-

structure, he said: "The good management of utilities turned over by Israel, the establishment of a wire and radio network to connect Sinai towns with Cairo, and the repair and maintenance of roads."

The cabinet also decided to cut by one half to around \$50 the air fare between Cairo and each of el-Arish, in the north, and Sharm el-Sheikh in the south, the spokesman said.

Riyadh again hints it is softening on Camp David

By DAVID BERNSTEIN
Post Middle East Affairs Reporter and Agencies

Riyadh yesterday showed a further sign of softening its opposition to the Camp David peace process when Saudi state radio conceded that utilization of "existing channels" would be beneficial in providing a "basis" for eventual talks on a comprehensive settlement in the region.

Without mentioning Camp David by name, the radio said that several hints had been made that there was a possibility of reaching comprehensive peace "through existing channels."

It appeared to be consciously echoing Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak when it went on to call for "a declaration of clear and specific principles" that would serve as "the basis which would enable various

parties to enter the stage of real work for peace."

The radio stressed, however, that both the PLO and Syria would have to be brought in at this stage — "without this, no tangible results could be attained and we would only be wasting time," it said.

Observers have noted that this was the second time in three days that the radio, in a political commentary, introduced favourable allusions to the Camp David process.

As in the earlier commentary, the radio urged the adoption of "a new Arab style of dealing with problems, devoid of convulsions and violence," warning that "otherwise there will be a deepening of the rift" dividing the Arabs.

Riyadh itself has been actively promoting this "new Arab style" ever since floating its own eight-

point Middle East peace plan last August.

This has been seen as part of a strategy apparently designed to win greater U.S. and European support for the Arab position by highlighting Israel's "intransigence" and forcing it into a rejectionist posture.

Meanwhile, in Cairo on Tuesday, Egypt's minister of state for foreign affairs, Butros Ghali, told newsmen that the message from Jordan's King Hussein and Morocco's King Hassan congratulating Mubarak on his recovery of Sinai could signal the beginning of a thaw in Arab relations with Egypt.

He said the contact was "an assertion that Arab solidarity will be restored."

Apart from congratulating Mubarak on regaining Sinai, the two monarchs urged Mubarak to

join Arab nations in their, "struggle to liberate Palestine and Jerusalem" from Israeli hands.

But Ghali said Egypt is ready to be a "full partner" in future negotiations between Israel and Arab states and he urged Arabs to "join hands with Egypt (in its peace process with Israel) in the interest of peace and prosperity in the region."

Jordan's move provoked a hostile response from Syria's state-controlled media, which have declared their opposition to any reconciliation with Egypt unless Cairo renounces Camp David.

The daily *al-Thawra* said Israel's withdrawal from Sinai was "a planned operation aimed at trapping the biggest possible number of Arabs under the Camp David umbrella. The first to fall into the trap was the regime in Jordan."

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Gaza	4-11	11	Cloudy
Beersheba	4-11	11	Cloudy
Eilat	4-11	11	Cloudy

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Prof. Hedley Bull of Oxford University this week delivered the Norman Bentwich Memorial Lecture at the Hebrew University on "Conflicts and their Resolution," following opening remarks on the late Prof. Bentwich by university vice-president Bernard Cherrick.

Dr. Walter Hesselbach, chairman of the board of directors of the Bank der Gemeinschaften in Germany, will address the Tel Aviv Rotary Club at the Tel Aviv Hilton at 1:15 p.m. today.

ARRIVALS

Howard Squadron, president of the American Jewish Congress and chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Organizations, Henry Siegman, executive director, AJC; Leon Chuslin; Jo Amer; Mollie Gersh; Chae Herzog; Sylvia Kaplan; Esther Polin; Lillian Steinberg; Paul Berger; Jack Elkin; Phil Baum; Esther Kolichev; together with another 50 delegates for the AJC biennial convention.

AUTONOMY

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that the talks be held alternately in the capitals of the three participants, the U.S., Israel and Egypt. Begin said Jerusalem is the capital of Israel and Israel cannot agree to its capital being boycotted.

Begin also said that Israel sees the implementation of the autonomy scheme as exhausting and fulfilling "the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people," rights that Israel, the U.S. and Egypt specifically endorsed in the 1978 Camp David agreements. About one month ago, U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis broached the possibility with Israeli leaders of resuming the autonomy negotiations in Washington, in view of the Egyptian refusal to meet in Jerusalem.

Israel at the time refused, on the grounds that the previous round of working-group level talks on autonomy had taken place in Giza, Egypt last March and the previous round of ministerial level talks, last November had also taken place in Egypt.

"It is clearly Israel's turn now," said the senior Israeli government official. "The Egyptians have said they are willing to discuss everything in Jerusalem — except Palestinian autonomy," said the senior official. "We agree to the talks taking place occasionally in Washington. But we must insist they also include Jerusalem in the rotation."

The official said that while Jerusalem should be the next venue for the talks, Jerusalem will "probably" be ready to ease Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's problems to the extent of holding the next round of talks in Washington "but only after receiving firm assurances by the two other parties to the talks that the next round be in Jerusalem." The Egyptians have expressed a readiness to hold the coming round in Israel, but not in Jerusalem — "but we cannot agree to this," said the source.

The government 'encouraged' us, anti-withdrawal movement claims

By ISRAEL AMRANI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Official government bodies on numerous occasions helped the Movement to Stop the Withdrawal in Sinai with information and contacts, according to a movement source, to exploit the immense propaganda value inherent in the anti-withdrawal cause.

Among the bodies helping were the Prime Minister's Office and the Foreign Ministry, the source claimed; they directed movement activists in their fund-raising drive three months ago, and provided them, until shortly before the withdrawal, with names and addresses of people in the U.S. who could aid them in contacts with the American news media.

The purpose of the help, which the movement could not get otherwise because of its extremist image was apparently to show that Israel was indeed sacrificing a great deal for peace.

Yehiel Kadishai, an aide to Prime Minister Menachem Begin, last night denied the allegation, calling it "pure rubbish."

Activists neither sought nor expected the help, according to the source. Officials, though they were supposedly acting privately and "under the table," were clearly contacting activists under orders from

above, he said.

Some of the contacts suggested were semi-official or "establishment" organizations such as the Jewish Agency and the Bnai Brith Anti-Defamation League in the U.S. The source said that ADL officials, while emphasizing differences in ideology and political identification, maintained they would be content if "you make a lot of noise about the withdrawal to show the world Israel is giving up something."

Despite the government's apparent attempts to limit news coverage of Yami's last tumultuous days, the electronic media generally enjoyed good relations with the government.

A sophisticated communications centre including dish antennae for satellite transmission, was set up in Yami. This would have been impossible without electricity and telephone lines. Foreign newsmen reportedly enjoyed unlimited use of telephone lines from deserted homes in the town, although the Communications Ministry usually disconnects telephones when residents move.

Israel Television reporter Yigal Goren charged last weekend that government bodies allowed activists to move into houses, resumed their supply of electricity and provided

entry and exit passes quite generously. He added that Tel-Aviv Uri Bar-On, an aide to Defence Minister Ariel Sharon, helped settlers and activists at every step.

Bar-On retorted last night that it was "idiotic" to believe he had encouraged members of the anti-withdrawal movement to resist eviction. He explained that meetings with leaders of the anti-withdrawal movement had been designed to calm them. Goren's claims were "lies and falsehoods," he said.

Asked how the movement knew when the evacuation would begin, Bar-On said Sharon had promised its leaders to let them know — and kept his word.

Another possible reason for official cooperation with the anti-withdrawal movement could have been the government's desire to delay the withdrawal.

A movement delegation, including MKs Haim Druckman and Yuval Ne'eman, which flew to New York about three months ago for a three-week visit, worked under the assumption that Begin carried a great deal about Diaspora Jewry. Its extensive lobbying in Jewish communities throughout the U.S. was intended in part to build support in case the government called off the withdrawal, as it almost did early last week.

UK wants no Israeli arms to Argentina

By BENNY MORRIS
Post Diplomatic Reporter

A rumour about an impending Israeli sale of aircraft and helicopters to Argentina triggered an official British government request on Tuesday that Israel stop all arms shipments to that South American republic.

Informed sources in Jerusalem yesterday denied any such arms deal has been signed or is pending, but stated firmly that Israel has a policy of "honouring all its arms contracts with all countries, if such contracts exist." The sources were unable to say whether such contracts are in operation regarding arms sales to Argentina.

On Tuesday, Israel's Ambassador to London Shlomo Argov was called to the Foreign Office and asked by British officials about "Israeli arms supplies to Argentina." The officials apparently asked Argov specifically about the truth of the rumour regarding aircraft and helicopter deal.

According to Israeli sources, Argov asked the British officials for time to check the facts. But before he could return with answers, the

Foreign Office issued a notification to the effect that Argov had been asked about Israeli arms sales to Argentina.

Following the meeting with Argov, Minister of State Douglas Hurd submitted a written reply to a parliamentary question stating: "We have discussed this question with the Israeli government, and have asked them to ensure that no further Israeli arms go to Argentina."

Acting Foreign Ministry director-general Hanan Bar-On and the director of the Ministry's European Department, Yohanan Meroz, yesterday called in British Ambassador to Israel Patrick Moberly and expressed Israel's "astonishment" about the Foreign Office statement concerning the meeting between Argov and the British officials.

"The publicity given to the meeting as well as the wording are likely to enhance utterly unfounded rumours regarding Israel's position on the British-Argentinian dispute (over the Falkland Islands)," the Foreign Ministry declared in an unusual official statement issued yesterday.

The ministry declaration said the British statement is likely "to distort (Israel's) actual policy completely (regarding the conflict in the South Atlantic)."

"The Israeli officials asked the British ambassador to convey Israel's concern to his government."

Israeli officials last night argued that Britain "has supplied a far greater proportion of Argentina's arms than Israel."

But according to a recent report issued by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, Israel supplied 14 per cent of Argentina's arms as compared with 10 per cent by Britain.

Observers in Jerusalem last night noted the "unusual nature" of the British request that Israel stop its supply of arms to Argentina. "The observers pointed to the events of 1973, when Britain broke its contracts and imposed an embargo on all arms sales to Israel after the start of the Yom Kippur War. Britain rejected all Israel's requests for spare parts and ammunition for its British-supplied Centurion tanks."

UK diplomat still confined in case

By HYAM CORNEY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Rhona Ritchie, recently recalled from her post as first secretary at the British Embassy in Tel Aviv following a charge of unlawfully passing information to an unauthorized person, was ordered to continue reporting to police daily by a court here on Tuesday. Free on £10,000 bail, she will next appear in court on June 8.

Looking pale and drawn, Ritchie did not speak during the hearing, which lasted less than 10 minutes. Defence lawyer Daniele Irving asked that her client be given permission to report to the police in Airdrie, Scotland, where she has been staying with her parents' only twice a week instead of daily, as she has been doing since she came back to Britain at the end of last month.

She argued that the daily reporting to the police, together with the publicity that the case has attracted, were imposing considerable strain and stress not only on her but also on her parents.

The lawyer appearing for the director of public prosecutions opposed this, because of the gravity of the charges against her.

The presiding magistrate said that although he was not in full possession of all the facts, he felt that daily reporting had to continue.

Rifat Ansari, former first secretary at Egypt's embassy in Tel Aviv, was recalled to Cairo several weeks ago after being named in London as Ritchie's illicit contact.



Some of the 133 soldiers cited for excellence are seen lined up for inspection yesterday by President Yitzhak Navon.

133 IDF soldiers awarded citations

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A woman soldier-teacher, a sergeant with 100 per cent disability and a sergeant who took part in the capture of terrorists were among the 133 men and women serving in various branches of the IDF who were awarded citations for exemplary conduct yesterday.

"Your excellence is not the fruit of a one-time effort, but is a trait that characterizes all your acts," President Yitzhak Navon told them at a modest but impressive ceremony at Beit Hanassi. "Your excellence is expressed day after day, hour after hour — and therein lies your greatness."

Navon said that not everything

that needs to be done in the IDF can be the subject of official orders, and that is why the personal example shown by the citation recipients was so important.

This reporter spoke with one of the 133, Samuel Noam Murro of Jerusalem, who was in the unit that recently captured three Fatah terrorists who had crossed the Jordan River into the Jordan Valley, laid three anti-vehicle mines, and later hid out in a cave when they were pursued by Murro's unit.

But Murro made it clear that he had not been awarded yesterday's citation for any specific act of bravery. "For that they give medals." It was rather for regularly keeping a level head, doing the right

thing, and "avoiding extremes."

Another recipient, Edna Rofei, Kiryat Shmona, is a soldier-teacher in Beit She'an. But in addition to doing her assigned task of teaching adults, she voluntarily coaches children and also teaches prisoners at nearby Shatta prison.

Samuel Shmuel Ammon, who has 100 per cent disability, won his fight to be enlisted, and works in the Netanya town major's office. "He functions like any other soldier, performs his duties with devotion and loyalty worthy of special commendation, and serves as an example to those around him," says the citation.

Also present at the ceremony were Defence Minister Ariel Sharon and Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan.

Israeli map places Taba in Egypt

By BENNY MORRIS
Post Diplomatic Reporter

While Israeli and Egyptian negotiators hone their wits in preparation for another round of talks about the future of the disputed strip of land at Taba south of Eilat, the Foreign Ministry has disseminated an official paper supporting the Egyptian claim to the disputed territory.

To its "pink (policy) background" paper from February 28, 1982, devoted to "the significance of Israel's withdrawal from Sinai," the ministry appended a map of southern Israel and Sinai in which Taba is marked clearly as being on the Sinai-Egyptian side of the international border line. The map, copyrighted by Carta, Jerusalem, also includes Hebron, the southern half of the West Bank and the whole Gaza Strip as integral parts of Israel — no manner of marking or line differentiating the administered areas from the country proper.

The six-page pamphlet, explaining Israel's sacrifices in the peace process and its hopes regarding future relations with Egypt, was produced by the Foreign Ministry's information division. It was one of a series normally distributed to foreign reporters and Israeli embassies abroad.

Asher Na'im, director of the ministry's information division, said last night that "no copies of the pink paper with the Carta map were in fact sent abroad. We caught the mistake in time, and only the initial rush distribution to Israeli newspapers, Knesset members and ministers occurred. These relatively few copies were distributed by the Israel Information Centre. When the copy reached us from the printers, we immediately stopped the distribution," Na'im said.

Egypt releases 353

CAIRO (AP). — The Egyptian government announced on Tuesday it was releasing 353 people detained under a state of emergency declared in wake of the assassination of president Anwar Sadat.

The government's Middle East News Agency (MENA) made the announcement on a national holiday marking Sunday's return of the Sinai to Egyptian control.

At Israel Prize ceremony Hammer calls for tolerance

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer last night made a strong plea for mutual tolerance between advocates of opposing views, saying that he felt he had no right to keep silent.

He was speaking at the Jerusalem Theatre, where nine Israel Prizes were awarded in the traditional ceremony, closing the annual Independence Day official festivities. (Prize recipients — page 5)

Hammer noted that the past year had witnessed difficult days of tension and internal struggle. "Suddenly custom spread of characterizing one's opponent as a 'traitor,' to declare that the man who rejected your view thereby rejected Zionism and the State of Israel."

We did not strive for national independence that would suppress the intellectual independence of the individual to create in his own way, the minister said.

Hammer quoted the rabbinic say-

ing, "Both these and those are the words of the living God." These had been placed in the Beit Midrash for both the School of Hillel and the School of Shammai, the one permitting and the other forbidding.

Only by complete acceptance of the right of one's fellow man to think differently and to be a Jew, a Zionist, and an Israeli as he understands these terms could the fabric of life here be kept from disintegrating, Hammer said.

Pluralism, said Hammer, does not mean that everybody is right and that everything is permissible. "All it means is that you show respect for your adversary."

Prof. Ze'ev Vilnay, who received the prize for Israelology, responding on behalf of the nine recipients, was applauded when he expressed the hope that no law would be passed that would interfere with archaeological research. Such a law would be damaging to Jewish culture, he said.

The prizes presented by President Yitzhak Navon and Ham-

U.S., European mayors meet in Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mayors from 13 cities in the U.S. and Europe today begin the third Mayors' Conference to be held in Jerusalem under the sponsorship of Mayor Teddy Kollek. The conference ends on May 4.

Participating will be American mayors from Provo, Utah; Hialeah, Florida; East Brunswick, New Jersey; Scranton, Pennsylvania; Columbus, Ohio; Elgin, Illinois;

Youngstown, Ohio; Warwick, Rhode Island and the county executive of Erie County, New York. From Europe will come the mayors of Geneva and of Oberhausen, Germany as well as the mayors of two small Bavarian towns.

The American sponsors are the American Jewish Congress and the U.S. Conference of Mayors. The conference is organized by the Jerusalem Institute of Israel Studies.

Chen cinema complex ordered shut down

TEL AVIV. — City officials on Tuesday issued an order closing the recently opened five-theatre cinema complex Rav Chen, because the buildings have no exit facilities for disabled people.

A municipality spokesman said that when the new complex opened, the city asked the owners to install

ramps or elevators to enable disabled people to enter the halls. But the owner refused.

The closing order, which followed an appeal by the Disabled Persons Association in Tel Aviv, was to take effect immediately after Independence Day.

On the second anniversary of the death of

HERZL ZUCKERMAN, O.B.E.

his family and friends will gather at his grave at Kiryat Shaul on Tuesday, May 4, 1982 (Iyar 11, 5742) at 4.30 p.m.

The Family

We will meet at the main gate of the Kiryat Shaul cemetery, Tel Aviv.

Sincere condolences to Avraham and Sima Schenker and family on the death of your father

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U.S. official in Amman

AMMAN (AP). — King Hussein met U.S. Assistant Defence Secretary Francis West yesterday to discuss Jordan's requests for more American arms to beef up its air defence system.

Jordan has been seeking American-made mobile Hawk anti-aircraft missiles and F-16 fighter bomber jets, a request vehemently opposed by Israel.

Ze'ev Katz, former MK

Ze'ev Katz, an Alignment member of the Ninth Knesset, died yesterday after a lengthy illness. He will be buried today in the cemetery of Kibbutz Gasher of which he was a member.

Hadassah — Women's Zionist Organization of America extends heartfelt condolences to

Beatrice I. Feldman

the National Treasurer of Hadassah on the loss of her beloved

Sister

Frieda S. Lewis National President of Hadassah

In great sorrow, we announce the passing of

YA'ACOV (Erich) HELLERMAN

The funeral will leave at 1 p.m. today, April 29, 1982, from the Sanhedria Funeral Parlour, Jerusalem.

The Bereaved Family

Peres says PLO will never recognize or talk to Israel

CAIRO (UPI). — The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) would never recognize Israel since its current charter calls for the destruction of the Jewish state, Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres told a Cairo newspaper.

In an interview published on Tuesday in *Maya*, the weekly organ of the ruling National Democratic Party (NDP), Peres said that mutual recognition between the PLO and his country would never be established.

"This is an extremely hypothetical question," Peres was quoted as saying when asked on the possibility of a PLO recognition of Israel. "This will never take place... if it does, this organization (PLO) would have to be a different one."

"Judged by its present charter and operations, the PLO automatically excludes itself from getting involved in any serious (peace) negotiations, now and in the future," Peres said. He also pointed out that the charter also calls for "toppling the (current) Jordanian regime."

Peres said that despite King Hussein's statements, the Jordanian monarch would join in the peace-making process in the Middle East "if he found that the chance for

reaching a (permanent) agreement is a real one, since peace is just as vital to him as to other parties" in the region.

Asked whether he still holds the same views about the so-called "Jordanian option," Peres replied that he does. He said that Jordan must join in the peace process since the Palestinian inhabitants in the West Bank and Jordan are the "real parties that must negotiate for a future settlement."

Peres said that he is confident that Egypt, Israel and the U.S. would reach an agreement on Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Peres said his party would adopt a policy of "open bridges with the Palestinians in the West Bank and would let them enjoy 'the maximum degree of autonomous rule' there. However, Peres said that autonomy should be implemented first in Gaza since the current problems and obstacles in the West Bank do not exist in Gaza.

He said that he would not exclude the possibility of forming a joint cabinet with the Likud, but that this would take place only in case of emergency. "At present he opposes this move, he said, as the two parties adopt 'extremely different policies."

Sweden's Socialists cancel May Day invitation to Labour

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Swedish Socialist Party has at the last minute cancelled an invitation to a delegation of the Israeli Labour Party to attend May Day celebrations in Stockholm, Labour sources said yesterday.

The cancellation was greeted here with dismay and consternation. Labour sources said they have already informed the Swedes that no Israeli delegates would be coming to Stockholm for the event.

There is apprehension here that this is possibly the first step in a move to begin squeezing Israel out of its respected position in the Socialist International. The move is seen as especially dangerous, since it appears as somewhat of a boycott.

The Swedes attempted to mollify the Israeli Labour Party by stressing that the cancellation should not be seen as anti-Israeli. The reasons given were "security" and the "situation in the Middle East."

"Of course the Israeli Labour movement can't be blamed for the extreme politics of the Begin regime. But we know that events like the recent bombings of Southern Lebanon might influence the Swedish debate," said Swedish Social Democratic Party national secretary Sten Andersson in a prepared statement.

Some see it as a reaction to Israel's latest bombing raids on PLO targets in Lebanon, but others in Labour say the organizers fear Palestinian disruptions in case of Israeli participation, as well as difficulties with some radical South American delegations, which are financed and armed by the PLO, such as the Nicaraguan Sandinistas.

Histadrut representatives have already arrived in Stockholm to take part in the May Day celebrations, but it is not yet known whether they will be called back in view of the Swedish snub, and whether the cancellation of the Labour Party's invitation applies to them as well.

Buried leg bones may have belonged to slain criminal

By JEFFREY HELLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Police are awaiting the results of a forensic examination to determine whether the leg found buried on the banks of the Yarkon River on Monday was that of Turkish-connection gang member Michel Nahmias.

Discovery of the dismembered limb came more than a month after police, relying on information from a state's witness, began combing the Yarkon River area for Nahmias' corpse.

Nahmias and Shulamit Sheli, whose body was found in sand dunes near Caesarea last month, were allegedly murdered by other members of the heroin-smuggling gang following the arrest at Ben-Gurion Airport last March of a drug courier the pair recruited.

The two were murdered because the other members of the gang feared they would implicate them with the police, investigators believe.

Shmaya Angel, a reputed top Tel

Aviv drug dealer, who police claim headed the gang, is presently in custody, suspected of having planned the murders. About 20 others are also under arrest in connection with the case, police said yesterday.

The leg bones were found buried on the banks of the river on the Tel Aviv-Ramat Gan border, police said.

In a related development, a Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court judge on Tuesday ordered David Malka, 20, of Givat Olga, held for 10 days on suspicion that it was in his flat that Sheli's killers cleaned blood stains off their clothes after the murder.

A police representative told the court that investigators believe Malka may have also stolen Galil assault rifles from a military camp, and together with Angel tried to break Haim Shushan — another suspect in the double-murder — out of a Haifa lockup. Shushan was behind bars in connection with another murder case at the time.

Malka told the court he was innocent, but the judge ruled the suspi-

Danish woman leaves money to hospital

More than \$40,000 from the estate of a Danish Christian woman has been contributed to the Shaare Zedek hospital in Jerusalem.

Danish Ambassador Sven Aage Nielsen last week presented hospital director-general Dr. David Maier

with a cheque for \$42,762 (IS 850,000) from the estate of the late Betty Margrethe Helgason.

The Danish tax authorities agreed to waive two thirds of the inheritance tax usually levied because of the humanitarian purpose



Zion Iluz shakes hands with a gesturing Education Minister Zevulun Hammer after winning first prize at yesterday's Bible Quiz. (Scoop 80)

17-year-old Afula youth comes first in Bible Quiz

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Zion Iluz, a 17-year-old Afula resident who recited exact answers faster than most people can read them, yesterday garnered 107 out of a possible 108 points to win the 19th World Jewish Bible Quiz for Youth.

From the beginning of the quiz in the Jerusalem Theatre, the 20 Diaspora contestants clearly had no chance to beat the Israelis at the Bible game. Binyamin Yizraeli, a 12th grader at the Horev school in Jerusalem, took second place with 105 points, while Avraham Cohen, a 16-year-old pupil from Upper Afula, took third with 99 points.

But Yitzhak Amar, a pupil at the Alliance School in Paris who was born in Morocco, was crowned "Diaspora champion" for his fourth-place total of 97 points. Interior Minister Yosef Burg, chairman of the panel of judges, announced that Miriam Rokhina of the U.S. would be named "deputy Diaspora champion" for her 94-point score.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin, who unlike previous years was not present at the contest, sent in his own question worth 16 points — about references to haughtiness and arrogance in the Book of Proverbs.

Organized by the Gadna with cooperation of the World Zionist Organization, the contest this year was streamlined and given added visual interest by a pantomime by Hanoah Rosen, which accompanied questions about the metaphorical references to honey and stone in Proverbs. Another innovation was a Eurovision-style scoreboard.

Champion Iluz, son of the chairman of the Afula religious council, who studies at the Noam School in Pardess Hanna and whose hobbies besides Bible study include soccer and basketball, was presented with a Koren Bible.

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, who congratulated the winners, said that the Bible teaches that only in Israel can Jews fully carry the responsibility of national life and the fulfillment of prophetic vision.

Paris court asked to extradite Avitan

PARIS. — The prosecution recommended yesterday to extradite to Israel convicted gangster Herzl Avitan, 29, wanted in Jerusalem for allegedly murdering Rabin's Prison warden Roni Nitzan last December, after escaping from prison, and for a jewelry robbery in January during which a guard was killed.

The court decided to issue a ruling May 12 on whether to extradite Avitan, who was arrested early this year in Paris with the help of Israeli police.

Prison guards last March 12 thwarted Avitan's attempt to break out of the Fresnes maximum security prison.

Avitan's lawyer Charles Bismuth argued that Avitan should not be extradited, because Israel on a number of occasions had refused to meet French demands for extradition of citizens wanted by French courts.

Meanwhile, in Tel Aviv, a 21-

year-old Jaffa woman was ordered held for 15 days on suspicion of helping to hide Ya'acov Shemesh, also wanted in connection with the Nitzan murder and the Keren-Or jewelry robbery and murder.

Shula Arguan denied having seen Shemesh, and said that a recent trip to Tiberias was made specifically to avoid him. But Magistrate's Court Judge David Bar-Ophir ordered her held for investigation. (UPI, Itim)

'New Yamit' proposed for Besor region

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A proposal for "a new Yamit," an Egypt-facing town that would rise in the Besor region near the international border, has been made to the Interministerial Committee on Settlement by Ra'anan Weitz, chairman of the Jewish Agency's settlement department.

Weitz also proposed to the committee on Sunday that a port, such as the one planned for Yamit, be developed in the Katif Region of the Gaza Strip, along with tourism facilities.

The proposals reportedly aroused little enthusiasm among committee members — "They'd prefer to concentrate on settlement in Judea and

Samaria," said one source — but the settlement department is to proceed with detailed plans.

Some 20 agricultural settlements are planned for the northwestern part of the Besor region, which is also called Pithat Shalom.

Some of the existing settlements are occupied by families evacuated from the Yamit region or by settlement nuclei originally designated for the Yamit region. Weitz proposed that the regional center originally planned for Pithat Shalom be replanned on a larger scale "to establish Yamit anew."

The Katif Region is a 20-kilometre-long and three-kilometre-wide strip of sand dunes north of Rafah in the southern part of the

Gaza Strip. Four settlements are currently located there and another four are planned.

The port and tourism facilities proposed by Weitz would provide employment for residents of the town in the Besor. He also proposes a 10-kilometre-long road linking the Katif region with Pithat Shalom.

Weitz envisions the Katif-Pithat Shalom bloc as a fallback position from Yamit, aimed at preventing what he sees as the demographic and geo-political dangers of an unbroken link between Egypt and the Gaza Strip. Without such an Israeli buffer, he says, hundreds of thousands of Egyptians may eventually settle in the Gaza Strip close to Israel's borders.

Eitan: Lebanon raid a 'reminder'

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Rafael Eitan told the nation on Tuesday night that the Air Force's recent strike against PLO targets in Lebanon was a reminder to the terrorists that Israel will not stand for unilateral action, and will respond.

The raid was also a reminder that "Israel does not like others to interfere in its legitimate actions against the terrorists," the IDF's top officer told Israel Television in an Independence Day interview, broadcast on the evening news programme.

Eitan claimed that Israel's planes hit every intended target in last week's raid, which "totally destroyed" three Palestinian bases.

For the first time, he added, Syria lost two Mig 23 jets in dogfights after they tried to intervene. Tank bases were not attacked, he continued, but PLO ammunition dumps, cannons and a naval base were hit.

The chief of staff predicted that the Palestinians will still respond to the air raid, though he said there was a chance they would not, because they know that an attack on Israel could lead to disaster. Eitan denied that an Israeli move against the terrorists would lead to a larger outbreak of hostilities in the Middle East.

Eitan said he "did not suffer a crisis" on Sunday, when the rest of Sinai was returned to Egypt, since the process had begun long before. The Multinational Force will make sure that the peace agreement is kept, he said.

Asked whether the restraint applied by the army in evacuating Yamit might well be useful in restoring calm to the West Bank, Eitan replied that the two situations cannot be compared, since the terrorists' ideology is to eliminate the State of Israel.

POSTERS. — An exhibition of posters on the quality of life, drawn by high school and university students and adult hobbyists, will be on show in Wizo House in Tel Aviv from May 16-20.

Many Yamit evacuees still unpaid

By MOTTI BEN-YANAI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

All of the businessmen and many of the families evacuated from Yamit are reportedly still waiting to receive the compensation promised them by law — despite assurances last night from Matityahu Shmuelovitz, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, that all but 40 of the town's 1,600 families have been paid.

Interviewed on Israel Radio, Shmuelovitz said that a new office is being set up to deal with the remaining compensation problems.

About 150 former Yamit families are still living in Jewish Agency ab-

sorption centres and say that they have not yet received enough compensation money to move. The evacuated businessmen say none of them have received enough money to re-start their businesses in new places.

A spokesman for the Prime Minister's Office last night declined to go into numbers, but said that there are "only a few cases" of families and businessmen who have not received their full compensation.

"This stemmed from complex problems of calculation; they did not fit neatly into the regular categories for compensation," said the spokesman.

Jericho man held after 'impersonation'

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A Jericho man wanted for alleged fraud was remanded on Tuesday for 15 days on suspicion he impersonated a Security Services agent in an attempt to throw police off his trail.

Ahmed Barhama, 30, recently began to place calls to various members of the Tel Aviv fraud division at work and at home, police say, identifying himself as a Shin Bet officer named Shiloah. The caller told them that Barhama was under Security Services protection, and should not be prosecuted.

The fraud squad checked into the

matter, and found that there was no officer Shiloah working for the services. Then, when the next call was received, they told Barhama to come in personally to "take care of the matter." He did, and was arrested.

Two years ago, Barhama was declared a fugitive after he fled to Jordan. Before that, he was suspected of defrauding a couple whose jewelry store had been broken into in Tel Aviv — then he impersonated a police officer and offered to "help" the victims by handling their legal case, police said.

Haifa area food firms fined for violations

By ISRAEL AMRANI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Haifa Magistrate's Court during the last month fined six food manufacturers and 19 groceries and butcher shops a total of IS38,650 for health code violations, Nahum Egoz, Health Ministry physician for the Northern District, announced on Tuesday.

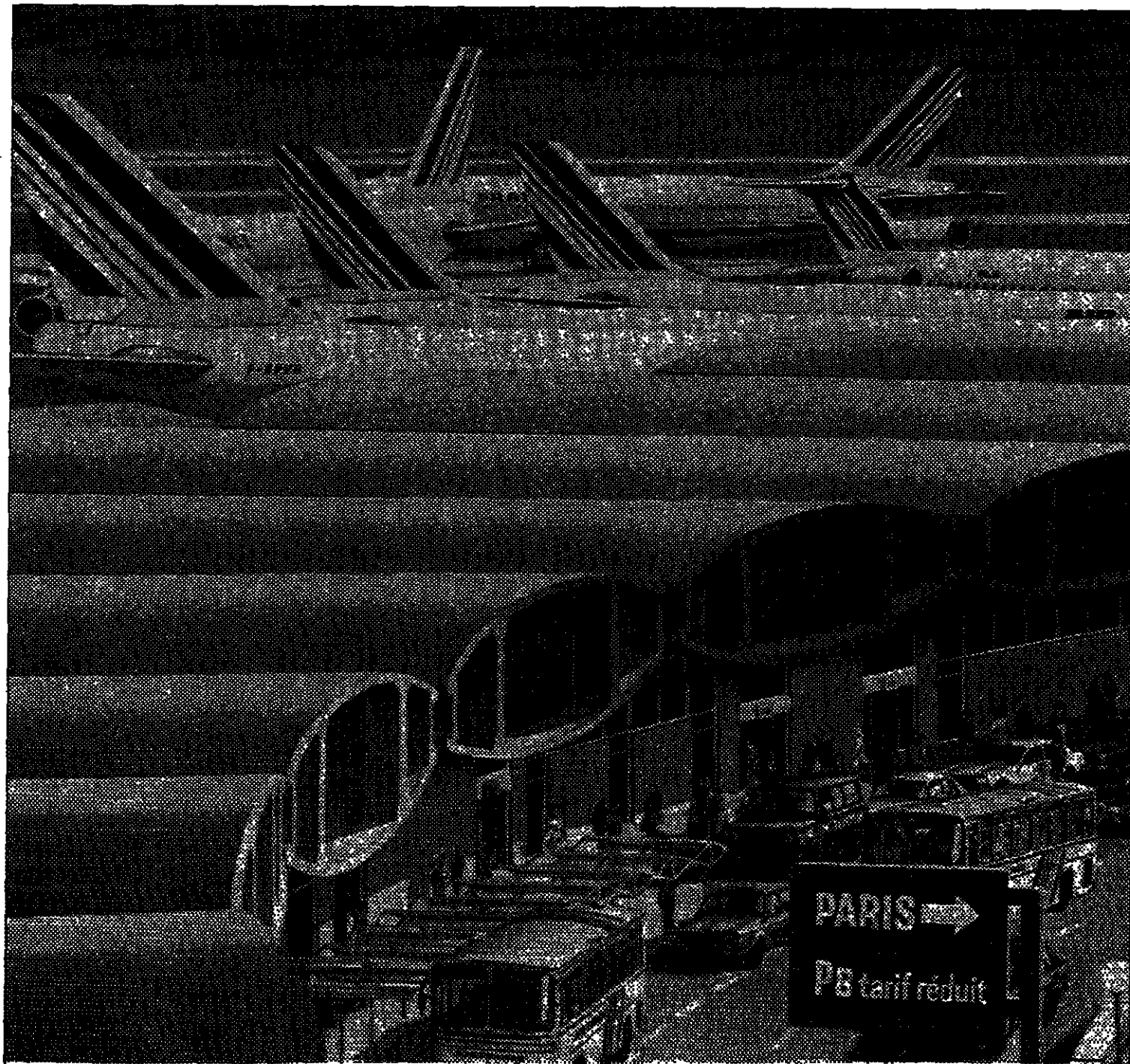
Meat manufacturer Zilber Ltd. was fined IS17,000 for lack of protein in a sausage it manufactured, and for the presence of a prohibited colour additive in its meat.

Another meat manufacturer, Marsell Bros., was fined IS7,000 for

lack of protein in a sausage. Handed fines for foreign objects in their products were a Shekem meat plant, IS1,500, a Haifa Tnuva dairy, IS2,500, and the Arzi Na sugar packing plant, IS3,000.

Aviv matzot manufacturer was fined IS1,000 for mildew in its matzot, and the Supersol supermarket chain was fined IS500 for the same offence.

SPOKESMAN. — Pakad Danny Koffler has been appointed police spokesman for the Northern District, replacing Rav-Pakad Benny Friedman, who has left the force.



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Poland frees internees, eases martial law

WARSAW. — The Polish authorities decided yesterday to ease or lift from May 2, some martial law restrictions imposed after the military takeover in December, the official PAP news agency reported.

A Warsaw television broadcast said the authorities had also ordered the release of 800 internees held under martial law regulations. A further 200 people would receive conditional release from internment camps, it said.

PAP said Poland's military Council of National Redemption had decided to ease martial law restrictions because of the progress made in bringing public life back to normal.

Earlier, the Solidarity underground called on Poles to boycott official May Day celebrations on Saturday and instead celebrate the international workers' day by flocking to churches to pray for "freedom, peace, bread" and workers' rights.

A clandestine appeal signed simply "Solidarnosc" listed four Warsaw churches which will schedule special masses at 10 a.m. Saturday — coinciding with an official May Day parade through the city streets. In Bonn, a group of leading Polish intellectuals in exile has ap-

pealed to West German government leaders to cut off all credits to Warsaw and Moscow and to break off a deal to buy Soviet gas from Siberia as long as martial law reigns in Poland.

The appeal, published yesterday in the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, called on the Bonn government to avoid "a policy which recalls the German-Soviet pact prior to World War II."

It was signed by Czeslaw Milosz, winner of the 1958 Nobel Prize for literature and a professor at the University of California in Berkeley, Polish author Jerzy Kosinski, who lives in the U.S., and 10 other intellectuals now in Europe and the U.S.

"We look with unease on the activities of some German politicians who try to play down the force used on Moscow's orders against the defenceless Polish people," the appeal said. It warned of "the ghost of neutralism, of gradual subjection (to the Soviet Union), circling over Western Europe."

And in the Vatican — Poland's visiting Roman Catholic primate, Archbishop Jozef Glemp, said he believed Pope John Paul's planned August visit to the country will have to be postponed because of the continuing martial law clampdown. (UPI, AP, Reuters)

112 killed in crash of Chinese plane

PEKING (AP). — Chinese investigators worked in difficult mountain terrain yesterday to try to learn why a Chinese airliner crashed minutes short of its destination, killing all 112 people on board.

The dead included 57 Hongkong and Macao Chinese and two Americans but no other foreigners, officials of China's national airline (CAAC) said. It said there were 104 passengers and a crew of eight.

CAAC officials said difficult terrain at the crash site 45 kilometres

southeast of Guilin was slowing the investigation into the crash of the three-engine British-made Trident jetliner on Monday afternoon.

The plane was flying from the southern city of Canton to Guilin, a favourite tourist spot, when ground controllers suddenly lost contact with it.

The crash was not reported until more than 32 hours later.

In Hongkong, a spokesman for the Canton-Guilin area was bad at the time.

Liechtenstein women lose battle for vote

VADUZ, Liechtenstein (UPI). — The women of Liechtenstein lost a Supreme Court battle yesterday for the right to vote.

In a one-day hearing, the five male judges ruled that voting rights for men only is compatible with the constitution.

A petition filed by 25 suffragettes charged that the voting laws are unconstitutional. The claim was based on the basic clause that "all citizens are equal before the law."

In its brief ruling, with a written explanation to follow within a week, the Supreme Court of the principality rejected the argument.

Liechtenstein, the size of Washington, D.C., has 8,527 women against 7,600 men. The latter rejected the idea of giving women the vote in a 1971 referendum, and again in 1973.

VISIT. — Belgian Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans, president of the European Economic Community's foreign ministers council, will leave for a four-day visit to Kuwait and Saudi Arabia today, it was announced yesterday in Brussels. A spokesman for the minister said he also plans to visit Israel in May, "but no date has yet been fixed for that visit."



The coffin carrying the body of Sheikh Ahmed Assaf, who was murdered three days ago in Beirut, is carried into a Beirut mosque yesterday. Christian, Moslem and leftist groups in the divided city held a joint strike on Tuesday for the first time in seven years, in answer to Moslem call to protest against the gunning down of Assaf, a conservative Sunni Moslem leader. (UPI telephone)

El Salvador junta backs reforms to get U.S. aid

SAN SALVADOR (AP). — The rightist-dominated El Salvador constituent Assembly ratified reforms made by the U.S.-backed junta, but put the brakes on further changes that would have hurt the middle class. It also called for changes to "perfect" what's been done so far.

The assembly adopted a resolution validating actions taken before March 28 under the land redistribution programme and the

nationalization of banks and foreign commerce, the key reforms sponsored by President Jose Napoleon Duarte to undercut public support for the leftist guerrillas.

This apparently shelved the long-delayed second phase of the land programme which would have turned middle-sized estates into

peasant cooperatives.

The conservative parties condemned the land reform programme and the nationalization of banking and foreign trade during the assembly election campaign. But key members of the U.S. Congress made continuation of the reforms a condition for continuation of American aid in the war against the leftist guerrillas.

The first phase of the programme hit El Salvador's tiny oligarchy of wealthy landed families by nationalizing holdings of more than 5,000 dunams for conversion to cooperatives. Duarte and his centrist Christian Democratic Party argued that the peasants' belief in the programme would be undermined if it was not extended.

Court: tension not defence for woman

LONDON (AP). — Britain's Appeal Court has ruled that premenstrual tension is not a suitable defence for a woman on a criminal charge.

It could be used in mitigation to lessen sentences, but is not a defence, Lord Justice Sir Hugh Griffiths said Tuesday in a decision on what lawyers said was the first case of its kind in Europe.

A three-judge panel headed by Griffiths dismissed an appeal by Sandie Smith, 30, who was con-

victed and put on probation in May 1981 for threatening to kill a policeman during what she claimed was a bout of pre-menstrual tension.

In February 1980, Smith, a London barmaid, also cited premenstrual tension when she was found guilty and given probation for the manslaughter of another barmaid. Her lawyer then argued that she suffered from a rare and extreme form of the condition which is said to affect 40 per cent of all women.

As fear of war in Falklands grows

Thatcher loses opposition support

LONDON (AP). — With a British assault on the Falkland Islands appearing imminent, bipartisan support for Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's handling of the crisis has cracked. But the "Iron Lady" is still riding high in the opinion polls.

Opposition Leader Michael Foot threw his Labour Party's support behind Thatcher when Argentina seized the British colony three weeks ago and she dispatched a British fleet to the South Atlantic.

The honeymoon ended on Tuesday with an angry clash in the House of Commons. Foot urged Thatcher to desist from military action and turn again to the United Nations. Thatcher said that would "achieve nothing."

"What do you want, a war?" shouted senior Labour spokesman, Eric Heffer.

"Use all your powers of influence with the (Argentine) junta," retorted Thatcher.

Underlying the split in the midst of national crisis is the fundamentalist pacifist outlook of the socialist Labour Party, which has pledged to scrap Britain's nuclear weapons un-

ilaterally and to ban U.S. cruise missiles from Britain.

"Michael Foot stands today accused of cowardice in the face of the enemy," the right-wing, four million-circulation *Sun* newspaper declared yesterday, as the Conservative press dubbed Foot everything from a "pussyfoot" to "fighting shy."

However, not only the Labour Party is getting worried. David Steel, whose small Liberal party is in a burgeoning electoral alliance with the new centrist Social Democratic Party, urged Thatcher to take the leaders of all parties into her confidence.

Noting that she has not spelled out publicly the precise terms of the latest unacceptable peace formula, negotiated by U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig Jr., Steel said:

"We don't know what the government is playing at. It's the escalation of the conflict that worries us... We can't draw her some kind of blank cheque for doing what she wants if she does not consult with the other parties."

Some commentators believe that

Labour, in refusing to commit itself to the use of force while not ruling it out, is hedging its bets rather than holding a principle.

Also behind Foot's split with Thatcher is Labour's endemic problem of party unity. The party's left wing, headed by former energy secretary Tony Benn, opposed sending the fleet from the start.

"One knows why Mr. Foot is so keen on the New York (UN) route," said the Liberal *Guardian* newspaper. "It enables him to keep his party, his initiatives and his undoubted passion for peace together."

Thatcher's rating in opinion polls has risen rapidly since the crisis began, with Conservative support up nearly 10 points to around 40 per cent. So has the number who believe regaining the islands justifies British servicemen getting killed — 58 per cent, according to the latest sounding taken by Market Opinion and Research Institute shortly before South Georgia was recaptured. That was up from 37 per cent a week before.

S. Korean minister quits in disgrace

SEOUL (Reuters). — South Korea's interior minister resigned in disgrace yesterday and was replaced by a powerful former general after authorities proved unable to stop the killing of 56 people by a drunken policeman.

A presidential spokesman said the new minister is Ro Tae Woo, a member of the government who played a role in the rise to power of President Chun Doo Hwan, another military man.

Ro, 49, is viewed by diplomats in Seoul as the second most influential

figure in South Korea after the president.

Ro retired from the army last July after commanding its intelligence service.

At the interior ministry, Ro replaces Suh Chung Hwa who quit after the eight-hour rampage of killing by policeman Woo Bom Kon.

Woo ran amok with rifles and grenades after quarrelling with his mistress. His rampage through villages in a remote rural province ended only when he killed himself on Wednesday.

Red Brigades claim double murder

NAPLES (AP). — Two women terrorists shot and killed a Christian Democrat official of the Naples regional government and his driver on Tuesday in an ambush on a busy Naples street, police reported.

Police said Raffaele del Cogliano, a Christian Democrat commissioner of the Campania regional government, and his chauffeur were killed instantly with multiple gunshot wounds in their heads and chests. It was the first fatal terrorist attack in Italy this year.

An anonymous caller told the Naples daily *Il Mattino* that the attack had been carried out by the Red Brigades. "Here are the Red Brigades... we have eliminated another hangerman of the Christian Democrats," the male caller said.

In Milan, two gunmen on a motorcycle wounded Roberto

Rosone, a top executive of one of Italy's most secretive banks, and his chauffeur, but a guard shot and killed one of the gunmen. There was no immediate claim for the attack and police sources said it did not appear to be the work of political terrorism.

The killing of del Cogliano, 38, came a year to the day after Ciriaco De Mita, another Christian Democrat commissioner, was abducted by Red Brigades terrorists who killed his chauffeur and a bodyguard.

U.S. JEWS. — U.S. President Ronald Reagan, saying the freedom Americans enjoy evolved in great measure from the strength of "our Judeo-Christian heritage," on Tuesday proclaimed this week Jewish Heritage Week in the U.S.

NY bombers hit Lufthansa, Iraqis

NEW YORK (UPI). — Two pipe bombs exploded outside the Iraqi mission to the UN early yesterday, but caused little damage and no injuries, police said.

The blasts occurred 25 minutes after a pipe bomb exploded outside the Manhattan office of Lufthansa airlines, shattering the office's glass door.

The bombings coincided with the 34th birthday celebration of the State of Israel.

A caller claimed responsibility for the Lufthansa bombing on behalf of the Jewish Defence League, but the group later issued a statement denying it was involved.

Police said the three explosive devices were similar. After the first blast, a caller identifying himself as a JDL member called the *New York Post* and claimed responsibility for the blast. The caller said "never again" — the JDL's slogan — before hanging up.

The denial statement said the bombing was a warning to the German government to curb the proliferation of neo-Nazi incidents in Germany, which have multiplied tenfold since 1977 and forty-fold since 1974.

Montazeri said likely to succeed Khomeini

LONDON (Reuters). — Ayatollah Hosein Ali Montazeri, a hardline fundamentalist cleric, is likely to lead Iran's Islamic revolution after the death of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, Khomeini's son Ahmad said yesterday.

Hojatoleslam Ahmad Khomeini, also a cleric, told the *Tehrani* evening newspaper *Ettela'at* that Montazeri's struggle against the late shah, and his religious status, made him a distinguished theologian who "will undoubtedly have the future leadership of the revolution."

The younger Khomeini predicted that a team of experts, which is to be set up to choose a successor to his father, will vote in favour of Montazeri.

Soviet Pentecostals fail in bid to emigrate

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Six Soviet Pentecostals rushed past police guards into the British Embassy here on Tuesday night to ask for help in emigrating to the West, embassy sources said yesterday.

The six, all members of the same family, told diplomats they had been victims of harassment by the Soviet authorities and wanted to live in Britain.

Diplomats spoke to them for more than an hour and explained that the embassy could not help them get Soviet exit visas; the sources said. The group then left voluntarily and were seized by about 20 plainclothes officials when they walked away from the embassy compound.

Zambian, South African heads meet tomorrow

LUSAKA (UPI). — Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda and South African Prime Minister Pieter Botha will meet in Southern Botswana tomorrow to discuss the "explosive situation" in South Africa and Namibia, the Zambian leader said yesterday.

Kaunda, celebrating his 58th birthday at State House, his official residence, told reporters, "Yes, I am going to talk to Mr. Botha. The situation in Namibia and South Africa is explosive."

It will be the first time Botha has had direct talks with a leader of one of the "frontline states" (Zambia, Mozambique, Angola, Botswana, Tanzania, Zimbabwe) involved in reaching a peaceful independence for Namibia (South West Africa).

Troops quell rioting in holy Sikh city

NEW DELHI (AP). — Paramilitary troops and armed policemen with shoot-on-sight orders yesterday marched through curfew-bound streets in shows of strength to enforce calm in the Sikh holy city of Amritsar, torn by religious rioting that claimed one life, reports from the area said.



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Leonard Bernstein tells Roberta Elliott about his special relationship with Israel and the IPO



Rehearsing the infant IPO in 1948...

'I ask the musicians for the ultimate'



... 'It is like a marriage, you know.'

IT'S FRIDAY afternoon, rapidly becoming Friday evening. In the past 24 hours Lenny — which is what everyone who is in Leonard Bernstein's company for more than five minutes calls him — has taken the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra to Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'uma, attended a party thrown by old friend Teddy Kollek, returned to Tel Aviv and completed a gruelling three-hour rehearsal/recording session.

Cigarette in hand (Ben-Gurion once commanded him to quit smoking), Bernstein, his matinee-idol face now creased with 63 years of hard living, is a meticulous recorder of his feelings. Part musician, part politician, part mystic, he reflects on his commitment to the country and the orchestra he has championed for three decades.

He begins with reminiscences of the late '40s — "great days which I remember with such emotion, love, disbelief almost. That we could go to Jerusalem under siege and give concerts in the old Edison Theatre, while the gunfire never stopped, is unbelievable to me. We never missed a concert, and there was hardly an empty seat. They were heroic concerts, really."

Thirty-five years ago tomorrow — a year to the day before the birth of the State of Israel — Bernstein conducted the Palestine Symphony Orchestra. It was the first time he worked in these parts.

where he was still largely unknown. In 1948, Bernstein was back in Tel Aviv, this time conducting the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra's first concert season. Later that year he conducted a concert for the troops in newly liberated Beersheba.

"Those were years when I came to conduct twice, and then there were other years when I didn't come at all," he recalls. "There was a period in the '50s that I skipped — around the time of the Suez campaign. Washington, London and Paris were all using Israel to get to Suez. As a result the country became so militarily-oriented that, it seemed to me, a lot of the cultural neshama was lost."

"Suddenly Israelis didn't buy books the way they used to, poets weren't writing poetry, and the young people weren't coming to concerts. That was quite a shock for me. Imagine being able to walk down Dizengoff without being recognized! I certainly didn't take it as a personal affront, but to me it symbolized the great waning of interest in cultural matters. I became disillusioned with the whole scene and stayed away for a while."

He pinpoints the resurgence of spirit to the period after the Six Day War. "There was a visible return of neshama, people once again began to realize what this country is all about. One can debate the historical and biblical claim to Judea and

Samaria. But the real claim of this country is to be *legitim*, a light to the Gentiles," he says, warming to the subject. "Otherwise, without this, without soul, it's like a DP camp here — just another place for Jews to stop on the diaspora express. What entitled Israel to nationhood was its soul. That's why I've always loved and worked for this country — even when it was at odds with itself."

BERNSTEIN is in Israel this week with Isaac Stern, for what also happens to be the 35th anniversary of their first concert together. They are performing and recording a Stravinsky Festival with the IPO to honour the centenary of the Russian composer's birth.

In addition, Bernstein is preparing the orchestra for the first half of its May tour, which will take it to West Germany, Mexico and the U.S. under the Bernstein baton.

The IPO is of course one of Bernstein's greatest emotional attachments. "Oh, it's the same love-hate relationship that happens in all marriages. It is like a marriage, you know. When you live together so long and the love is so real, and based on a certain trust, it allows you to express anger."

The musicians all seem to be on the same wavelength, taking in their stride his occasional outbursts during rehearsals. At one point on Friday afternoon, during a particularly

tricky passage in Tchaikovsky's *Francesca da Rimini*, he shouted: "Goddamn, you should be a great orchestra, but you waste so much time." This was followed by an apology: "Excuse me, it's *erev Shabbat*, I shouldn't be using such language."

But when things go well, they go very well. "Here comes the greatest melody of the 19th century," he said, coaxing a dreamy solo out of the clarinetist. "What an incredible melody — can you imagine writing it?" he asked. The question was addressed to anyone in particular. At the end of the passage, he rewarded the musician with a "Beautiful, simply beautiful."

"I ASK the musicians for the ultimate," Bernstein explains. "And, they're not always prepared to give it, so I drive them crazy and they drive me crazy."

"They can perform miracles, however. For example, we did Petrushka this week, for which I can tell you the Jerusalem concert was just a dress rehearsal in public. For whatever reasons, it was under-rehearsed. So at the last minute I decided to do some retouching in today's rehearsal. Without any prior planning, it turned into a recording session. I think what we have at this point is the clearest, most exciting Petrushka on record. What we got today was gold!"

Bernstein has a long-term

recording agreement with Deutsche Grammophon (DG), the Rolls Royce of classical recording companies. Each time Lenny shows up in Tel Aviv, he is followed by DG's engineers, and the most sophisticated recording equipment man can produce is flown in from Germany.

"I decided it was okay," he says, referring to the question of working with a German company. "They showed themselves so ready to do such extraordinary things for the music. For instance, who else would make a record with Stravinsky's *Les Noces* on one side and his *Mass* on the other. Do you know how small the market is for such a thing?"

"As far as DG are concerned, maybe there is some kind of *tsheva*, or atonement. But I think it's more than that — it's all about making records of beautiful music."

As for performing in Germany (without the IPO, who have been involved in a semi-official cultural exchange), Bernstein has done so sparingly. "In 1948 I conducted an all-Nazi orchestra in Munich," he explains, "in order to get into some of the DP camps, and hopefully conduct a DP orchestra." It worked and he ended up conducting orchestras at Landsberg and Feldafing, which were essentially the remnants of the Dachau orchestra.

"What I will never forget is that there, in a big barn of an auditorium

built for the DP camps, the first two or three rows were filled with members of the Munich orchestra, which I had conducted over the weekend. They had come out to a man — all 100 of them — and put roses on the stage."

The first Amnesty International benefit that Bernstein ever did was with the Bavarian Radio Orchestra, also in Munich, seven years ago. "That orchestra touched me so much with their atonement, their sense of *Kaper lanu, slach lanu, mahal lanu*, that I did a big recording project with them last year of Wagner's *Tristan und Isolde*."

Has he ever attempted to include Wagner in an Israel Philharmonic programme?

"No, but I hope to some day," he replies. "There has to be a right moment to do it, a right way to do it. I thought that Zubin (Mehta) tried to do it in the right way he could, by putting the Wagner as the encore. That way anybody who didn't want to stay didn't have to. But, in the end, all he was doing was inviting the troublemakers to stay, and make trouble."

BERNSTEIN's schedule is as busy these days as it has ever been — guest conducting, recording, videotaping, and yes, composing. Last year he took a sabbatical from all his other activities in order to compose. One result was "Khalil," in memory of an Israeli flute player

who was killed in the 1973 war. It was premiered here last year with Jean Pierre Rampal.

In October, he will take more time off to complete an opera, which he refers to as the first trans-Atlantic triple commission. A sequel to "Trouble in Tahiti," it has been commissioned by the Houston Grand Opera, the Kennedy Centre and La Scala, and will be entitled "A Quiet Place."

And he's still very much in the news. Just last week *Time* magazine ran a survey of the five most promising young American conductors, and wrote that, since Leonard Bernstein's 1943 debut (when as a 25-year-old conducting the New York Philharmonic he stunned the American music establishment), "the musical world has been waiting — impatiently — for the arrival of the next comparably compelling American conductor."

Israel, although home to two of the world's great violinists (Itzhak Perlman and Pinchas Zukerman), has yet to raise its first conducting superstar. Last year, Lenny gave a conducting workshop at the Jerusalem Music Centre. Did he spot any major talents?

"The level of music education here is splendid," he says. "And, there were some very good conducting students. But, I can't name one that will be the next Leonard Bernstein."

Outstanding contributions

CHARLES HOFFMAN



Avraham Yaski



David Benvenisti



Ze'ev Vilnay



Ruth Amir



Yehoshua Yurtner



Roberto Bachi



Amir Gilboa



Yehuda Amichai



Haim Gvati

ISRAEL PRIZES were awarded last night in Jerusalem to nine people who have made outstanding contributions in various fields to the State of Israel and the Yishuv. The annual award is sponsored by the Ministry of Education and Culture; the recipients are selected by special panels of judges in each field.

ARCHITECTURE: Avraham Yaski, 55. Honoured for advancing the development of architecture in Israel, Yaski's work has won numerous prizes. His designs include the buildings which housed the social science complex on the Givat Ram campus of the Hebrew University, for which he won a prize; the IBM building in Tel Aviv; the Gilo neighbourhood in Jerusalem; and the campus of Ben-Gurion University in Beersheba.

HEBREW POETRY: Yehuda Amichai, 57, and Amir Gilboa, 63. Amichai's poetry was cited for its combination of lyrical and everyday themes that express the world of a disillusioned generation. A member of the Palmach, he had published several collections of poetry and is the recipient of the Shlonsky and Brenner prizes.

Gilboa's poetry was recognized for its originality, combining a distinctive personal style with elements of Jewish culture to express the joys and pains of his generation. He served in the British army in World War II and worked as a journalist.

CHEMISTRY: Yehoshua Yurtner, 48, has been professor of chemistry at Tel Aviv University since 1966. He has also held senior administrative posts at the university. Chief scientist in the Communications Ministry in 1970-72, he has won several prestigious scientific awards.

AGRICULTURE: Haim Gvati, 81, former agriculture and development minister, receives the prize for his special contribution to the state as a *halutz* and for his role in establishing and developing

agricultural settlements. He is a founder of Kibbutz Gvat in the Jezreel Valley, established in 1926. The award was made as part of the commemoration of 100 years of Zionist settlement.

ENERGY DREAM

By ROBERT WIELARD/Brussels

generated. Goldschmidt has repeated the demonstration in other areas.

"Elements have their own electromagnetic field, as does the earth," said Goldschmidt. "I use this to generate electricity."

"At home, I have a small electric motor that has now been running for several months this way," he said. "I'm not a multinational or university. I cannot build this on a large scale to show that the idea is good. I must demonstrate it with small-scale models."

Yet he dreams of using his system on a larger scale. And while he has so far had little luck attracting help,

the Belgian Economic Affairs Ministry has taken an interest. According to an official at the ministry's geological service, "in principle, much energy can be harvested this way."

The geological service recently test-drilled for hot water to a depth of 1,800 metres near Antwerp, but abandoned the project because the water was too salty, said the official, so the service plans to let Goldschmidt use the drill hole to tap electricity from the magnetic fields of minerals in the ground.

"For his purpose, the saltier the water, the better because it makes for a good conductor," said the of-

ARCHEOLOGY: Ruth Amir, 68, has been involved in archeology for nearly 50 years. She took part in many digs in her capacity as a supervisor in the government Antiquities Department, and has been director of excavations at Tel Arad since 1971. She has published more than 12 books and papers based on this research. Her husband, Prof. David Amir, is a former recipient of the Israel Prize in geography, making them the first husband and wife recipients of the award.

ECONOMICS: Roberto Bachi, 73, professor emeritus of statistics and demography at the Hebrew University and former chief government statistician, was awarded the prize in economics and demography. He was the first dean of social sciences at the university, set up the Central Bureau of Statistics, and has written numerous books and monographs, with particular emphasis on the Jewish population of Eretz Yisrael.

YEDIAT HA'ARETZ: Ze'ev Vilnay, 82, and David Benvenisti, 85, were awarded the prize for teaching the love and lore of Eretz Yisrael. This year is the first time that an award was given for *yediat ha'aretz* ("knowledge of the land").

Vilnay, known as the "dean of Israeli guides," has trained several generations of guides, written more than 50 books, and given innumerable tours and lectures. Among his works are his *Guide to Israel* and *Ariel: an Encyclopedia of the Holy Land*.

Benvenisti taught the history and geography of the land for decades and was one of the best-known guides in the Yishuv. He was the co-author of the first comprehensive walking-tour guide of the country, which served pupils, youth movements and the Palmach. He also published many books and pamphlets on the Jewish community of Salonika, where he was born.

Official. "Our budget for 1982 has not yet been approved, so we don't know how much money we can spare to assist him."

GOLDSCHMIDT HAS proposed re-opening abandoned mines in Belgium to use their coal seams as giant isotopes with differing intensities of radiant energy.

By linking two coal fields, "I can generate enough electricity for all of Europe," he said.

According to Goldschmidt, there is a direct relation between the scale of the project and the amount of energy it can generate. He estimated that four coal seams measuring roughly 500 by 20 metres can generate as much as 600,000 kilowatts.

His invention, outlined in a 600-page document, was patented in the U.S. in 1975.

(The Associated Press)

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The twelve kindlers of the beacons were presented with the coin by the Speaker of the Knesset, Mr. Menahem Savidor, and the General Manager of the Corporation, Mr. A. Shiloni, at a festive ceremony.

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The Education, Youth and Culture Administration of the Tel Aviv-Yafo Municipality is pleased to announce the

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ARGENTINA EXPECTS WAR

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British marines recaptured the Falklands' dependency of South Georgia on Sunday, disabling one Argentine submarine and taking 180 Argentine soldiers prisoner.

The Defence Ministry announced that one of the Argentine prisoners died Monday as the result of a "serious accident." It did not elaborate.

The British task force, under the command of Rear Adm. Sandy Woodward, was expected to use South Georgia as a base from which to recapture the main Falklands chain, a British colony for 149 years.

Though the fleet outnumbered the Argentine navy by more than two

ships to one, Britain's most serious weakness had been its lack of air power — about 20 Harrier fighter-bombers on the aircraft carriers Hermes and Invincible, compared to more than 100 Argentine jet fighters.

But British sources disclosed that strategic Vulcan bombers were based on Ascension Island and could be used to help enforce the air blockade.

A British sea blockade of the Falklands has been in effect since April 12. Its expansion to include the air meant that the British armada was virtually in place for war following a 13,000 km. journey from England, British military analysts said.

NAHAL SETTLEMENTS

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being held up by an army roadblock.

Former chief IDF education officer Mordechai Bar-On, a Peace Now activist, said that the demonstration was held to protest against the use of Nahal to implement a policy of annexation for which there is no national consensus. He also regretted that "our soldiers" are ordered to act against "the minimum we can do to protest against the government's policy and erosion of Zionist values."

During the ceremony at Telem, Sharon said that Jewish settlement was Israel's best answer to the dangers of the establishment of a Palestinian state.

"In establishing Jewish settlements here and elsewhere we haven't taken others' (land). We're building and planting on our own," he insisted. He recalled that the Egyptian army had occupied this area in 1949 and handed it over to Jordan "which occupied (it) until the Six Day War."

"Does this give anyone the right to try to determine for us where we shall settle and how we should guarantee our lives? It is we who will decide — and only we," Sharon declared.

UN VOTES

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the Golan resolution abstained this time. Austria which abstained in the February vote, yesterday voted with the other westerners against the draft. Japan, which opposed the February resolution, abstained this time.

Among those who abstained yesterday and in February were Mexico, Brazil and Argentina, the

Philippines, Singapore, Zaire and Malawi.

The Africans were particularly concerned that a move to tamper with Israel's status at the UN might lead to the collapse of the UN-sponsored negotiations on the question of Namibia. Other Third World members also opposed the original Arab draft, as did UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

American Ambassador William Sherman expressed his strong opposition to the Arab draft. "With this resolution before us, the UN is being pushed one step closer to a precipice beyond which looms a political and moral abyss," he attacked the Assembly for not welcoming Israel's withdrawal from Sinai calling it a "momentous step toward peace in the Middle East."

Israel's Yehuda Blum called the anti-Israeli campaign at the UN an "orgy of hatred and malice" and characterized the UN "a Kafkaesque body that is eagerly divorcing itself from the realities of the world." Israel is in no need of certification of its love of peace, Blum said.

The Israeli ambassador concluded that "no amount of distortion, fabrication, bigotry and hallucination in this building" can undo "the inseparable bond between the Jewish people and its land."

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Sinai for a new settlement in Hevel Shalom; Inbar Goldstein, of the century-old Zichron Ya'akov; Hani Gissin, of the "mother of the moshavot," Petah Tikva; Orit Ganor, a descendant of the first chief rabbi of the Jews of Jaffa; Uziel Haviv, of Elkana in Samaria; Amit Friedman, of Rosh Pina; Efrat Freeman, of Rishon LeZion; Deganit Parag, of Kibbutz Nir David; Amos Peretz, a Nahal soldier in the southern Hebron hills; and Nadav Tzabari, of Ramat Ha Maghshim in the Golan Heights.

JERUSALEM CELEBRATES

The concerns occasioned by the Sinai withdrawal led many to seek fellowship this Independence Day in gatherings of family and friends, rather than public festivities.

Nevertheless, downtown Jerusalem was packed with Independence Eve with celebrants and tourists and street dancing was lively. More fireworks were set off from the roofs of the City Tower and Plaza Hotel. After midnight, youths streamed into the Valley of the Cross for campfire gatherings (kamitzim). Local celebrations were also held in Gilo and other outlying neighborhoods.

Mayor Teddy Kollek's annual Independence Day reception was held this year for the first time in the grassy exhibition area alongside Khutsot Hayotzer below Jaffa Gate.

DIPLOMATS' RECEPTION

"This is my third Independence Day reception at Beit Hanassi. I feel normalized," Egyptian Ambassador Sa'ad Mortada told reporters who surrounded him yesterday at the annual reception for the diplomatic corps held by President Yitzhak Navon and his wife Ofra.

"I want to express my heartfelt congratulations to the Israeli people, to the president and to the prime minister... on Israel's completion of its obligations under the peace treaty," said Mortada, adding that he is looking forward to the next phase — the autonomy negotiations — of the implementation of the agreement.

In Cairo, Israeli Independence Day was celebrated at Ambassador Moshe Sasson's residence in Cairo yesterday. Some 1,000 guests attended, including Mustapha Khalil, deputy chairman of the National Democratic Party, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali and other Egyptian ministers, as well as a large contingent of journalists. The event was filmed by an Egyptian television crew.

PLEA FOR UNITY

After the official ceremony Tuesday night on Mt. Herzl, ended Memorial Day for Israel's Fallen, and the celebrations of Independence Eve began, President

Man gunned to death north of Jerusalem

A man was killed last night when unidentified gunmen opened fire on the house of an Arab policeman in the village of Asata north of Jerusalem.

At 9:25 last night, shots were fired at the house, where a party was being held for Arab and Jewish policemen, members of the Jerusalem police patrol unit. The policemen returned fire, but the gunman escaped. A large Border Patrol and police force arrived and opened investigations. (Iim)

Mountbatten forest to be dedicated

A forest in memory of Lord Mountbatten of Burma is to be dedicated in Israel next week in the presence of his daughter, the Countess Mountbatten. The ceremony will take place on May 4 at a site near Nazareth.

The dedication ceremony will mark the completion of a two-year project by British JNF, which launched an appeal for the forest following Mountbatten's assassination by IRA terrorists in August 1979. Over £200,000 (\$27.2m.) has been contributed, with numerous contributions from non-Jewish well-wishers.

FOREIGN CURRENCY

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DM	8.6155	8.5315	8.6995
Swiss FR	10.4317	10.3300	10.5334
French FR	36.3858	36.0310	36.7406
Deutsch G	3.3024	3.2701	3.3347
British £	7.7512	7.6758	7.8266
Australian \$	12.2520	12.1335	12.3695
Swedish KR	8.4658	8.3625	8.5691
Danish KR	2.3588	2.3140	2.4026
Norwegian KR	3.3767	3.3438	3.4096
Finnish MK	4.4680	4.4264	4.5096
Canadian \$	16.7421	16.5789	16.9053
Rand	18.5534	18.3529	18.7539
Australian \$	12.2520	12.1335	12.3695
Belgian FR(10)	1.4570	1.4252	1.4888
Yen(100)	8.5543	8.4709	8.6377
Italian Lire(1000)	15.5993	15.4471	15.7515

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INTERBANK LONDON SPOT RATES:

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DM	2.3750/80	per \$
Swiss FR	1.9600/10	per \$
French FR	6.1950/75	per \$
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Deutsch G	0.2375/80	per \$
Norwegian KR	0.6025/45	per \$
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Swedish KR	8.5718/35	per \$

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US\$	1.7786/82	1.7620/80
DM	2.3830/80	2.3620/78
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PICNICS IN PEACE

Yitzhak Navon spoke to the nation on television.

He noted the deliberate connection between the two annual events, saying that "were it not for the fallen, who by their deaths have commanded us to live, we would not be celebrating Independence."

Navon said Zionism means "the Jewish people will determine its own fate," and for this reason the withdrawal from Sinai was "the decision of a sovereign nation."

Navon praised the IDF for its exemplary conduct in the withdrawal, which he said follows from its being "an integral part of the people."

Israelis must respect the law and abide by the rulings of the Knesset, the courts and the government, Navon said, adding that people should avoid political, religious or ethnic extremism. "We must exhaust that which we hold in common and which unites us," Navon said.

The president concluded by appealing to Israeli emigrants — yordim — to return to their homeland, "for the sake of the country, for themselves and for their children."

Memorial Day for Israel's Fallen was observed Monday night and Tuesday by official ceremonies and private visits to military cemeteries throughout the country.

The weather was ideal for driving and picnicking throughout the country yesterday, and hundreds of thousands of holidaymakers filled national parks, beaches and some even their own yards in traditional Independence Day outings.

Thousands visited IDF bases and defence industry plants throughout the day, including a tank exhibit put on by the armoured corps near Tel Aviv.

U.S. judge rules officer may wear 'kipa'

WASHINGTON (AP). — A federal judge ruled Monday that the air force violated the constitutional rights of an Orthodox Jewish officer who was denied the right to wear a skull cap while in uniform.

U.S. District Judge Aubrey Robinson Jr. said Capt. S. Simcha Goldman, a psychologist, must be permitted to wear his skull cap — yarmulke — and concluded that members of other faiths who wished to wear skull caps in air force uniform must be permitted to do so.

Goldman, an Orthodox rabbi who served as a psychologist at March Air Force Base in Riverside, California, was ordered last May to

remove his kipa while in uniform — even though he had been wearing it since his 1977 enlistment. The order and threat of a court martial came from a new commander at the base hospital, who decided that wearing the kipa violated the air force dress code.

"There was no evidence presented at trial sufficient to conclude that the military prohibition of yarmulkes in the interest of discipline overrides individuals' interests in exercising their freedom of religion," Robinson ruled.

Goldman had filed a court suit in an effort to continue wearing his kipa while serving in the air force.

HAIFA

Torchlight parades, orchestra concerts, sports competitions, weapons exhibitions, visits to defence plants and picnics characterized Israel's 34th Independence Day here, with an estimated 100,000 picnickers crowding into the Carmel Park.

TEL AVIV

A fireworks display from the municipality roof marked the opening of Independence Day festivities. Some 100,000 revellers thronged to Kikar Malchei Yisrael, blocking streets, waving flags and brandishing plastic hammers, which filled the air with squeaks as they were brought down on people's heads.

Throughout yesterday, entire

HAIFA

The delayed opening of the border crossing at Taba and the reduced area of coastline since the withdrawal packed Haifa's beach from the Jordanian to the Egyptian border. Egyptian Consul Hassan Issa was the guest of honour at an Independence Day party at the Laromne Hotel.

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BEGIN WARNS

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reports about suicide threats uttered by anti-withdrawal diehards and by the crisis that had arisen over Egyptian violations of the peace treaty, he said.

Asked why legal action would not be taken against anti-withdrawal diehards who had forcibly resisted evacuation and attacked soldiers, Begin said: "One must know when to forgive." Trying times are still ahead of us, he said, and all Israelis must stand together.

Asked about last minute negotiations on Israel's departure from Sinai, Begin said he had told the Americans and the Egyptians that "we will consider the possibility of postponing the withdrawal of our forces for a month" to allow the Egyptians time to correct violations of the peace treaty in Sinai. "I mentioned we might postpone withdrawal until May 25, 1982, 1400," Begin said. "As a result of our position, we witnessed the Egyptian correction of the violations," he added.

Concerning inflammatory statements reportedly made by supporters of Social Affairs Minister Aharon Abuhazzeira, after his conviction last week, the prime minister condemned them, but added they had been made in anger. Stressing the need for unity, Begin said, "This generation is the last to be divided by communal differences."

Asked about his relations with the media, Begin said that the radio and television attack him and his government day and night. Some journalists, he said, think that they can "attack, defame and criticize, and that if you give any kind of rep-

ly, then you are attacking freedom of speech," he said. "If you are able to criticize the prime minister, is he forbidden to reply?" Begin asked. Journalists do not have a monopoly on freedom of speech, he said. "I, too, am a citizen. I, too, have freedom of speech."

Speaking over radio and television on Independence Day Eve, Begin called on all Israelis to "rejoice on your holiday," because "we have reason to be joyous on Independence Day."

To those who had resisted the IDF effort to remove them from Yamit, the prime minister said, "Not a single drop of blood was shed among those who behaved as they did. But afterwards we extended a hand from the cabinet meeting — and I am also extending it tonight — to all those who made mistakes, who erred, who even misled, even incited."

He prefaced his formal address by reading the full texts of communications to Defence Minister Ariel Sharon, Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Rafael Eitan, O/C Southern Command Aluf Haim Erez and Police Inspector General Arye Ivizan after the Yamit evacuation. He said he could not understand why the radio and television had reported only the first sentence of his two-sentence letter to Eitan. The sentence, "Happy is the people that has a commander like you commanding its army," had not been reported, he said.

In his Memorial Day message to bereaved families, Begin said that the difficulties of peace are preferable to the horrors of war.

Egypt will 'defend' Arabs attacked

Post-Mideast Affairs Reporter and agencies

Egypt's minister of state for foreign affairs, Butros Ghali, was yesterday quoted in a Saudi newspaper as saying that Egypt remained bound by the joint Arab Defence Pact to "defend any Arab state exposed to an invasion from a foreign country."

The Saudi newspaper al-Madina said Ghali made the statement in Cairo on Tuesday during a meeting with a delegation of Saudi and other Arab journalists.

He was responding to a question on what Egypt would do if "the scales of the Iran-Iraq war were to tilt decisively in Iran's favour" and "the dangers this would pose to Arab Gulf states, in view of expansionist plans by Iran which it 'makes no effort to hide.'"

Ghali was apparently not asked, or was not reported as clarifying, if Egypt considered itself bound by the Defence Pact to come to the aid of the Arab countries in the event of hostilities with Israel.

Congress unit raises grant to Israel

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — A key congressional subcommittee has increased by \$250 million the grant portion of the pending U.S. military aid bill for Israel.

The action, if eventually approved by the full House of Representatives and the Senate, could prove extremely beneficial to Israel's troubled economy.

On Tuesday, the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East, chaired by Democrat Lee Hamilton of Indiana, voted seven to two to increase from \$500m. to \$750m. the outright grant portion of the military bill for Israel.

IRA firebombs destroy 24 buses

BELFAST (UPI). — Five masked IRA terrorists burst into the County Armagh bus station early yesterday held two night watchmen at gunpoint and set off incendiary devices that destroyed 24 buses and the depot in a raging fire.

Firefighters stood by helplessly as the building burned.

EEC protests exclusion of Jew by Pakistan

LUXEMBOURG (Reuters). — The European Economic Community protested on Tuesday to Pakistan for refusing to let in a Common Market mission led by a Jewish deputy, which was to have visited Afghan refugees.

In a joint statement issued after a two-day meeting in Luxembourg, EEC foreign ministers said they condemn all racial and religious discrimination and accused Pakistan of seriously insulting the 10-nation community.

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El Al in danger

STRENUOUS efforts have been made in the last few years to keep El Al, the national airline, in the air without the artificial uplift of government subsidies to cover losses running into tens of millions of dollars annually. These efforts — by the government, successive managements, and the workers — have just begun to show modest signs of paying off.

Now, however, El Al is in danger of being grounded for nearly half a week in order to honour Prime Minister Begin's coalition agreement with Agudat Yisrael to stop the airline from flying on the Sabbath (and Jewish holidays).

On Sunday, the cabinet is to take up the report of the Rubin committee which was appointed to evaluate the losses that might result from the part grounding of El Al. The majority of the committee concluded that these losses would be staggering — \$50-70m. a year to El Al directly, and as much as twice that amount to the economy as a whole. There can be little doubt that the Treasury would then have to subsidize the airline, year after year, by that same amount, without any visible way to compensate for the indirect losses involved. Or that Israel would be without an airline of its own.

The reasoning behind the committee's majority report is entirely persuasive. A quarter of El Al's flights fly on Saturdays, and they will not change their plans to suit El Al's convenience. Departure times on Fridays would have to be preposterously early if a flight was to reach its destination before the Sabbath. Planes taking off after the Sabbath is out, would end their trip in the middle of the night. El Al would become a carrier to avoid.

El Al's income from the transportation of farm produce would also decline. True, perishables can survive one day's delay, but not one more day over the appreciable time it already takes for the strawberry in the Israeli market-garden to reach the housewife's shopping basket in Cologne. Exporters will use other conveyances and avoid the holdup.

Aviation is savagely competitive, and every commercial airline in the world operates a full seven-day week. El Al cannot be an exception if it wants to survive. The issue before the cabinet then is whether to buy coalition peace with Agudat Yisrael at the price of a crippling blow to the country's economy.

Singling El Al out for the enforcement of strict Sabbath observance must, of course, be obvious to Agudat Yisrael itself, intent as it is on "outperforming" the National Religious Party in the eyes of observant voters. For the national carrier is by no means the only economic enterprise, and not even the only government-owned enterprise, that works seven days a week and around the clock. The government-owned Ben-Gurion Airport for one example, operates continuously, and so do the electric power stations around the country.

The logic of the Aguda demand would require shutting them all down at once. Pushed a step further, it would also require shutting down the roads and highways on the Sabbath. For the roads and highways, being built, maintained and owned by the state, are public property, just like El Al.

There is, of course, one way of getting around this dilemma: sell El Al to a private company. For the Aguda, at the moment, is not asking that the strict letter of halacha be applied to private enterprise. Or perhaps the example of the fictitious sale of all Jewish-owned land in Israel by the Chief Rabbis for the year of the Shemita should be followed, so that El Al — along with the Electric Corporation, Israel Chemicals, the refineries, the highways and even those parts of the hospitals that do not treat emergency cases — would be sold every Friday afternoon to some willing gentile, to be bought back Saturday night.

The solution would surely be turned down as merely a bad joke, but it is not any more so than the dilemma posed by Agudat Yisrael's demand.

POSTSCRIPTS

PS ON THE DAY before Good Friday it was a blooming, seven-metre high sea-grape tree, common South Florida fauna. By Easter Sunday it had become a "miracle tree," attracting thousands of devout Roman Catholics, almost all of them Cuban exiles.

A week later it had been reduced to a hacked and ugly stump. But small chips of its bark held places of honour in hundreds of homes or were changing hands for a dollar a piece.

It began when the owner of the tree, in the car-park of a small apartment building in Miami's Little Havana section, pruned its foliage on April 8, Holy Thursday.

The tree began to weep. The Easter symbolism was obvious and botanists were wasting their breath when they tried to explain that it was normal for sap to ooze from this type of tree when its limbs are lopped.

Alfredo Varona, 91, who said he had been blind for five years, rubbed the sap on his eyes and told everyone who would listen that he could see again.

The botanists tried in vain to explain that the sap contained tannin, which has known medicinal qualities and might well have cleared mucus from Varona's eyes.

Crowds of up to 400 at a time flocked around the tree. Six policemen came to control them at first, the faithful merely emulated Varona, saying their prayers and rubbing sap on infected parts.

"Rubbed tree water on eyes. No longer need glasses," Miriam Rodriguez, a middle-aged believer, told television reporters.

Soon the passive tree-worshippers were being shoved aside and the tree came under physical attack. Men and women

went at it with hammers, chisels, machetes and screwdrivers. Vendors began to circulate on the fringes of the crowd, offering chunks of bark for a dollar each. As the dollars flowed, the chunks became smaller.

The miracle ended a week later when a group of men, ignoring the protests of elderly pilgrims, cut down the naked and by now dried-up tree with a chain saw. Later that day they returned with a pickup truck loaded with what looked like kindling and tried to sell it. There were few takers.

PS A SPECIAL congressional order commemorating the fifth anniversary of Prisoner of Zion Anatoly Shecharansky in confinement was voted recently by members of the U.S. House of Representatives. Sponsored by Jonathan Bingham and William Green of New York City, the order protested Shecharansky's continued imprisonment and unjust treatment by the Soviets.

"They must realize that we shall not relent in our efforts to free Anatoly, who now sits in prison solely because he dared to dream of and strive for a life for himself and his wife Avital in Israel," said Bingham. Nearly 30 other congressmen made statements in Shecharansky's behalf. J.S.

PS A READER in Tel Aviv sends us a Hebrew menu from a restaurant in that city which is a classic. Offerings include: Homos, Champignons, Chateau-Brian, Liver Puree, the very peculiar Rotten Meat, and among the wines — Bummer. E.S.

Putting peace into practice

Jerusalem Post Correspondent DAVID KRIVINE examines a number of proposals for mutually beneficial ventures with Egypt.

with favour on labour-intensive undertakings that give work to idle hands.

In short, Egypt offers a promising field for those conventional or traditional industries which, in Israel, have reached the end of the road.

COMPLEMENTARITY suggests partnerships, and these are what the TAU Economic Cooperation Project is thinking up. The projects must not be of benefit to Egypt alone; they must provide earnings for the Israeli side, too. Nobody should be doing anybody any favours. That is the meaning of freedom to do business under competitive conditions (which the late President Sadat introduced into his country).

The merit of the partnership system from Egypt's point of view is that it offers growth possibilities without the need for any action by the government.

The chances of success are good, because Israel has already developed these industries effectively. The companies in Israel that failed have gone the way of all flesh. Those in the running for joint projects today are enterprises that know their business.

They have outlived their birth-pangs and have matured. If they become partners in plants in Egypt, with their own capital committed, they will have a vital interest in the success of the new venture.

The advantages of working together can be exploited in a variety of ways. The two sides could divide the production process between them, letting each factory do what it does best.

To compare large with small, something can be learnt from the alliance of the Japanese Honda firm with British Leyland in manufacturing a passenger car. The Japanese send over the engine and transmission, the British supply the rest.

Alternatively, goods previously made in Israel could be manufactured in their entirety equally well

and more cheaply in Egypt, leaving the Israeli firm to concentrate on other products that suit its work-force better. Candidates for such a mutually beneficial wedlock should not be lacking.

Companies like Izrom (electrical fixtures), Meron Carmiel (kitchen implements), Ha'Argaz (bus bodies), all of which have reached the limit of their development in the products mentioned, might well acquire a new lease of life by linking up with Egyptian concerns for a new departure.

THE TAU Economic Cooperation Project, commissioned Dr. Simha Bahiri, its project manager, to examine the possibilities in detail. Three bulky quarterly reports have already appeared on the subject. Here are some of the ideas suggested:

PAINTS: Egypt has a small, unsophisticated industry, and imports 7,000 tons of paint a year. An Israeli company is ready to contribute a half-share in a \$2m. investment for the construction of a plant in Egypt which will produce 3,000 tons of marine and other industrial paints, to the value of \$6m. a year.

SYNTHETIC RUBBER: Minimum demand justifying a plant is 40,000 tons. Neither country can use up that quantity alone, but together they can.

DESALINATION: The Middle East is acutely short of water. A factory in Egypt could export desalination units, large and small, to the whole region. Israel has developed a successful process and is a leading exporter in this field. Proposed is a \$44m. investment, yielding a turnover of \$150m. a year (including earnings from servicing and parts) and employing 2,000 workers, all Egyptian except for the Israeli specialists needed.

COTTON MEAL: Egypt is a cotton-growing country. An Israeli company has developed and patented a process for making enriched protein cotton-seed meal

— important for livestock these days, owing to the world shortage of grain.

SPICES: An Israeli firm has developed a pilot scheme for growing and processing spices. It has proved economic for Israel but would be even more beneficial to Egypt, which does not suffer from Israel's shortages of water and labour.

Using 1,000 hectares of soil and 7m. cubic metres of water a year, plus Israel's irrigation systems and other technology (including a solar energy heated drying oven), the sponsors could grow in Egypt tarragon, lemon balm, oregano, sage and parsley to the value of \$20m., with profit of \$5m. a year on an investment of \$20m.

FOOD INDUSTRY: A consulting engineering firm, the biggest in Israel with a qualified staff of 350, has set up food-industry projects in Rumania, Brazil, Venezuela, Panama, Costa Rica, Chad and the Central African Republic.

It has put together 36 available technologies for the food industry, "many of them specially relevant for Egypt," according to the TAU report.

DR. BAHIRI (previously a professor of management engineering at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in the U.S.) points out one area where the two countries have natural resources that link up: chemical fertilizers. "We have potash and phosphates," he says, "they have phosphates and nitrogen, the latter derived from their natural gas. These materials go together."

Joint ventures are facilitated by the physical proximity of the two countries. Specialists can be sent for short missions. Production inputs can be shipped across at low cost. Climatic conditions are similar. A good many Israelis speak Arabic.

Professor Ze'ev Hirsch, academic adviser to the project and one of its original sponsors, has discussed all this with the Egyptian authorities.

He met with Dr. Abdul Megid, deputy prime minister at the time, in Paris last December, and was in Egypt last month, speaking to bankers and circles close to the government.

"There are no visible obstacles. Any Israeli firm can, in theory, do business in Egypt," he says. "Hold-ups are attributed by the Egyptians themselves — to bureaucracy. Whether there are other intentions behind the hold-ups is hard to say as yet."

The Delta Company, exporter of underwear, has signed a contract with an Egyptian textile firm. The Egyptians will undertake the sewing process, as the first instalment in a division of labour that may well be extended. It is worth noting that the Germans and the Swedes fly textiles over for sewing in Yugoslavia. However, everything is on paper so far, no facilities have yet been created.

On the other hand, Solel Boneh won a contract to build a 20-storey block of offices and flats in the heart of Egypt's capital and has started work on the site. It supplies the management and technical personnel, all other employees are locally recruited.

This challenge is taken seriously, it is the first job opportunity awarded to Israelis inside Egypt. Solel Boneh wants to do well, and thus open the way for other Israeli projects.

The accent in Egypt is likely to be primarily on the economic value of such cooperation. It possesses unused resources, human and material, which need to be activated, whereas Israel is fully stretched. Israel has to choose between alternative investments. Egypt needs all the investments it can get.

On the other hand Israel wants to strengthen its relations with Egypt, so it is ready to do its share. The question is: Will Cairo give local men of affairs freedom to do business with Israelis, as they do business with nationals of other countries — now that all Sinai is back in Egyptian hands?

READERS' LETTERS

ASHAMED

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I am an Israeli. I was born and brought up in Germany. My parents and my sister were murdered by the Germans, along with six million other Jews. My children used to ask me how such a thing could have happened. It was never easy to explain, because it is difficult to understand it. But I tried to make some of the issues involved clear to them.

Thus, I told them that the mass genocide was not something that happened overnight. People in Germany had first to be made to accept that crimes committed in the name of the state were not really crimes one ought to resist. They had first to be made to accept that Jews were different from other people not just as one man is different from another, but that the ordinary laws of civilized behaviour did not apply in relation to them; that the "national interest" was a constitutive element of some "higher morality."

It began not with deportations and the building and operation of gas-chambers, but with "spontaneous" attacks on individual Jews, with their humiliation, with comparatively "harmless" measures, such as their exclusion from higher education. More important than anything else: it began, and it became possible, with the acquiescence of the "good" Germans.

German professors, for instance, did not stand up; they did not say that they were ashamed of being governed by gangsters; that they were ashamed of teaching classes from which their Jewish students had been excluded; that they were ashamed of the dishonour brought upon Germany by those who abolished the rule of law. They did not stand up, then, the good Germans, and they do not know now how to answer when their children ask them: Why were you quiet then?

ABRAHAM WASSERSTEIN
Jerusalem.

RABBI ZVI

YEHUDA KOOK

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — The death of Rabbi Zvi Yehuda Kook prompts a warm recollection in the heart of this Reform Rabbi.

When I was a Rabbinic student at the Hebrew Union College, studying in Jerusalem during the Years 1969-1971, I was granted a personal interview with Rabbi Kook. My desire was to study for a year at Merkaz Harav in order, I hoped, to imbibe something of the learning, method and zeal of that great institution, founded and operated in the spirit of this legendary father. I would, of course, live as an Orthodox Jew, yet Rabbi Zvi Yehuda Kook understood that I remained at that time officially a Reform rabbinic student.

He welcomed me warmly, assured me that he had learned of my previous interest through the Jewish Agency, and sent me enthusiastically to register at the dormitory.

Unfortunately, not all of his colleagues and students were so generous in spirit. The upshot of some unpleasant encounters is that I was denied admittance to the student residence. I had to satisfy myself with the tutelage of a fine individual rabbi who also served as an instructor at Merkaz Harav.

While the politics of Rabbi Zvi Yehuda Kook have never attracted me, his patient and open spirit continues to serve as a model in my mind. Would that it were so for his Orthodox colleagues!

RABBI ERIC H. HOFFMAN
Brooklyn, New York.

NO PARALLEL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I do not seem to remember that the Palestinian cause suffered greatly as a result of Robert Kennedy's assassination by the "berserk" Sirhan Sirhan.

J.S. BINDMAN

Jerusalem.

ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I must share with you my grave concern about a news item earlier this week in our local press. It reports the release of Ali Jamal after spending seven years in an Israeli jail without trial.

I have just attended an all-night vigil to express concern for those detained without trial in South Africa — and they include men and women, Christians and Jews, black and white. Detention without trial has no place in societies that observe the rule of law as that term is understood in Western democracy. While I understand that there are special problems in containing dissent among the Arab population both in Israel and in the "administered territories," there can be no justification for keeping any

human being in jail for seven years without charge. It is most disturbing that Israeli justice has allowed this to happen.

Since it is relevant to the content of this letter, which I write in my personal capacity, I must mention that my involvement in Jewish affairs extends to the chairmanship of the S.A. National Yehuda Memorial Foundation, and in South African affairs to long-standing involvement in the S.A. Institute of Race Relations, of which I was elected President in 1981.

I appeal to the State of Israel to prevent such gross abuses of justice in future — and to compensate Mr. Jamal.

F.E. AUERBACH

Johannesburg, South Africa.



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